THE HONOURABLE SHRI JUSTICE R.SUBHASH REDDY

WRIT PETITION No. 1740 OF 2001

Dated 14th August, 2007

Between:

Thata Venkateswarlu

…Petitioner

And

Government of Andhra Pradesh,
represented by its Principal Secretary,
Revenue (Endowments-IV) Department,
A.P. Secretariat, Hyderabad and others.

…Respondents.

ORAL ORDER:

This writ petition is filed questioning the orders passed by the Government dismissing the Revision Petition filed by the petitioner in G.O.Rt.No.20, Revenue (Endowments-IV) Department, dated 2.1.2001 under Section 93 of the Act, A.P. Charitable and Hindu Religious (Institutions and Endowments) Act, 1987.

In the Revision Petition, the petitioner had questioned the order dated 29.4.1999 issued in Rc.No.G1/16602/99 appointing the Executive Officer of Sri Prasanna Chennakesava Swamy Temple, Ongole (Town) as the Executive Officer in full additional charge of Sri Kasi Vishweshwara Swamy Temple, Ongole (Town) and the same was dismissed by the orders impugned herein. The said orders were questioned mainly on the ground that the petitioner is a member of the founder's family and in spite of the same, orders were issued appointing the Executive Officer.

However, it is submitted by the learned counsel for parties that subsequent to filing of the writ petition in the year 2001, the petitioner filed O.A.No. 5 of 2004 before the Deputy Commissioner of Endowments, Warangal Zone to recognize him as member of the founder's family of Sri Kasi Vishweshwara Swamy Temple, Ongole Town. The said claim of the petitioner was rejected by the competent authority, i.e. Deputy Commissioner of Endowments by order dated 16.1.2006. It is stated that the said order also has become final.

As much as the very claim of the petitioner for his recognition as member of the founder's family is rejected by order dated 16.1.2006 in O.A. No. 5 of 2004, the plea of the petitioner that he is a member of the founder's family and the appointment of the Executive Officer is bad cannot be accepted.

The writ petition is devoid of merits and is accordingly dismissed. No costs.

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R.SUBHASH REDDY, J.

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